

A N
A C C O U N T
Of certain
C H A R I T I E S :

CONTAINING
A CATALOGUE of several BENE-
FACTORS, who have given or left any
thing to Pious and Charitable Uses, as the
Church, the Poor, or Free-Schools, in *Tyndale-
Ward*, in the County of *Northumberland*.

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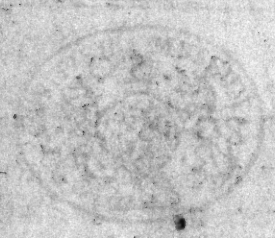
A L S O,
Copies and Abstracts of several Bequests and
Settlements, for the Use of those concerned in
the Management and Distribution of such
C H A R I T I E S. With some Remarks there-
upon.

To which is Added,
A Brief Account and Description of the Pa-
rish and Parish-Church of *Hexham*, in the Coun-
ty aforesaid.

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WORKS and Acts of Charity, either to the Bodies or Souls of Men, being so acceptable to Almighty God, and frequently recommended to us in his holy Word, there will need no Apology for Publishing this Account, the Design being purely to promote such Works, and revive in the Northern Parts, that Excellent Spirit of Charity, which of late hath appeared so much in the South of England, but as yet seems languishing amongst us.

Part

Part of the Money given to such Pious Uses being utterly lost, and more like to wear off in Time, it would seem an Act of the same Denomination and Character, to secure and Transmit the Remainder to Posterity, that it may be for ever applyed to the Uses intended.

In order whereunto, it will be needful to have a Commission for Pious and Charitable Uses for the County of Northumberland; and if the several Parishes or Places, which have any such Effects not duely settled or secured, shall think fit to join in such a Commission, it will make the Charge to every of them very easy and inconsiderable.

As it's not doubted, but all Disinterested Persons will approve of such a Design, so it's easy to forsee, that the same will be opposed and discouraged, (at least underhand) by some, who may think it their Interest to keep what they have in Possession.

And therefore these come with an humble Request,

quest, in Behalf of the Poor, That all true Lovers of such Works of Charity would contribute their Assistance, to promote so kind and Charitable an Undertaking, and particularly that the Minister, Churchwardens, and Twenty Four, or Heads of every Parish or Place, (who have any such Moneys) would be pleased to meet and signify their Consent to join in such a Commission, and pay their Proportion of the Charge, according to the Sum or Value of the Thing which shall be so secured; which they are desired to send to Mr. RITSCHER of Hexham, who (if this good Design take effect) will take care to send them an Account thereof.

It's hoped an Undertaking of this Nature will be serviceable to the Poor, and very useful in divers Respects, not onely to secure what is already given, and do Justice to the Memory of the several Benefactors, but excite others to such Works, by their Example; and be a Rule and Guide to direct Men how to extend and apply their Charity to such Places and Uses as shall appear most needful.

Finally

Finally, let none deride or despise the smallest of these Legacies, as being too mean; nor those who have little, for that Reason, be ashamed or discouraged to give of their Little; for that the great Rewarder of Men's Works doth not esteem such Gifts, so much by the Bulk, as the Disposition of the Giver: and if a Cup of Cold Water, given as he hath directed, shall have a Reward, The smallest Legacy, left purely out of Conscience and a Principle of Charity, (like the Widow's Mite) will be as acceptable to Almighty God, as the greater Offerings of the Rich, who will expect little of those who have little, but of those who have much, will much be required.

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CATALOGUE of several
Benefactors, who have given or left any
thing to Pious and Charitable Uses, as the
Church, the Poor, or Free-Schools, in Tyn-
dale-Ward, in the County of Northum-
berland.

Hexham and Hexhamshire.

MR. Richard Fishborne, Citizen and Mer-
cer of *London*, (born at *Huntingdon*)
by his last Will and Testament, dated
the 30th Day of *March*, in the Year
of our Lord 1625. Amongst a great many Lega-
cies left to Pious and Charitable Uses, amount-
ing to the Sum of 11000 l. and upwards, Did
give and bequeath to the Wardens and Common-
alty of the Mystery of Mercers of the City of
London, the Sum of Two Thousand and Eight
Hundred Pounds, to buy two or more Impro-
priations, in *Lincolnshire*, *Yorkshire*, or some
Northern County, where most want should be
of the Preaching of the Word of GOD, for
the

the Maintenance of Preaching Ministers in such Places.

The Right Worshipful Company of Mercers, London, with Eight Hundred and Eighty Pounds Part and Parcell thereof, the 25th Day of June, 1629, did Purchase the House and Tyths, now belonging to the Lecturer of *Hexham*.

Maybel Ord, Widow, Anno Dom. 1634, gave the double gilt Chalice and Patine, now belonging to *Hexham* Church, weighing 32 Ounces.

Also the Communion-Table, and the Green Cloth now upon it, a Pulpit-Cloth and Cushion, and a Mort-Cloth, to lay over Corps when buried, all Green.

The same *Maybel Ord*, afterwards did give an Hundred Pounds to the Poor: It's said she gave also an Hundred Pounds to *Hexham* Free-School, and another Hundred Pounds to build a Fountain, which was lost.

Mrs. *Jane Lawson*, Spinster, Daughter of *Edward Lawson* of *Topcliffe* in *Yorkshire*, Gent. (but then of *Hexham*) desired her Father upon her Death-Bed, (Anno Dom. 1637.) to give Forty Shillings a Year for Ever, to Forty poor Widows in *Hexham*; which hath been continued ever since, and distributed Yearly upon *Good-Friday*.

The said *Edward Lawson* continued it during his Life. *Wilfrid Lawson* of *Wakefield*, Esq; eldest Son of the said *Edward*, continued it during

ring his Life. And *Richard Witton* of *Wakesfield* Esq; who married the onely Daughter of the said *Wilfrid*, and now continues it, hath promised to continue it during his Life, and to charge some of his Lands in *Northumberland* with the Payment of it after his Death for Ever.

A generous Act in Mr. *Witton*, he being not obliged by any humane Law to continue it.

Madam Elizabeth Radcliffe, Widow of the Right Worshipful Sir *Edward Radcliffe* of *Dilston* Bart. and Mother of the Right Honourable *Francis* late Earl of *Derwentwater*, by her last Will, dated the 18th Day of *December*, Anno Dom. 1668, did give and bequeath Four Pounds a Year to the poor Roman Catholicks in *Hexham*, to be distributed upon St. *Lucie* Day, or thereabout.

John Tyson of *Hexham*, Yeoman, by his last Will and Testament, dated the 25th Day of *September*, 1673, did give and bequeath Ten Pounds to the Poor of the Parish of *Hexham*; the Interest to be distributed amongst them at *Christmas* and *Easter* yearly for Ever.

James Crasswell of *Hexham*, Tanner, by his last Will dated the 28th Day of *October*, 1675, did give and bequeath an Acre of Land, lying in *Hexham-Haugh*, commonly called *Reab's Acre*, the yearly Rent thereof (being 40 s. per Annum) to be distributed to the Poor of the Town of

Hexham, upon the 3d Day of *October*, being his Birth-day.

Robert Farbridge of *Hackforth* in *Hexhamshire*, by his last Will dated the 9th Day of *March*, 1677, did give and bequeath Ten Pounds to the Poor of the High Quarter and Middle Quarter of *Hexhamshire*; the Interest to be distributed yearly amongst them at *Whitley* Chapel upon *All-Saints-day*.

Madam *Mary Fenwick*, Daughter of *Sr. George Selby* of *Newcastle upon Tyne*, Kt. Widow of Colonel *John Fenwick* of *Hexham-Abbey*, who was slain in *Marston-Moor* Fight the 2d of *July*, 1644, by her last Will and Testament dated the 25th day of *December*, 1679, did give and bequeath an hundred Pounds to the Town of *Hexham*, to bind poor Children Apprentices.

Mrs. *Ursula Mountney* of *Stonecroft*, Widow, by her last Will, dated the 16th Day of *July*, 1680, did give and bequeath an Annuity of Twelve Pounds a Year to the Poor of divers Parishes; Three Pounds a Year, Part and Parcel thereof, to the Poor of the Parish of *Hexham*.

Thomas Craig of *Hexham*, Skinner and Glover, by his last Will, dated the 28th Day of *December*, 1681, did give and bequeath Twenty Pounds, the Interest to be distributed Yearly to poor Widows and Orphans, resident within the Town of

of *Hexham*, in the Parish Church of *Hexham*, upon *St. Thomas's-day* before *Christmas*.

Robert Forster of the upper *Eshells*, in *Hexhamshire*, by his last Will dated the 14th Day of *July*, 1684, did give and bequeath Ten Pounds to the Poor of *Hexhamshire*, the Interest to be distributed Yearly amongst them at *Easter*.

Henry Simpson of the *Hole-house*, in the Low-Quarter of *Hexhamshire*, made his last Will, *Anno Dom.* 1684, whereby he did give and bequeath Ten Pounds to the Poor of *Hexhamshire*, and other Ten Pounds to the poor of the Parish of *Slealey*; who dying before it was executed by him, *Anthony Wadeson* of *Thimbleby-Hill*, in the County *Palatine* of *Durham*, his Son-in-law and Heir, did give Ten Pounds to the Governors of *Hexham Free-School*.

Thomas Gibson of *Hexham*, Cordwainer, who dyed *Anno Dom.* 1686, by his last Will and Testament, did give and bequeath Twenty Pounds to the Poor, out of a certain Close in *Hexham-Fields*.

Anthony Farbridge of *Newcastle upon Tyne*, born at *Hackforth* in *Hexhamshire*, by his last Will, (dated the third Day of *November* 1690) did give and bequeath Fourteen pounds to the poor of the High-Quarter and Middle-Quarter of *Hexhamshire*, the Interest to be distributed

Yearly amongst them upon *Good-Friday* at *Whitley-Chapel*.

John Coulson of *Hexham*, Tanner, by his Last Will, dated the 26th Day of *September*, 1692, did give and bequeath Twenty pounds to the Free-School, and Twenty Pounds to the Poor of the Town of *Hexham*.

Margaret Broadley of *Hexham*, Widow, by her Last Will, dated the 30th day of *October*, 1693, did bequeath Ten Pounds, to be given to the Friends of *William Wilkinson*, if they should come for it within seven Years ; (which they did not) then to be let out for the use of the Poor, and the Interest distributed amongst them Yearly, upon the eleventh Day of *November*.

Richard Walton of *Peacock-House* in *Hexham-shire*, by his last Will, dated the 18th Day of *April* 1695, did give and bequeath three Pounds, towards the finding a Minister at *Whitley-Chapel* ; and failing a Minister at *Whitley-Chapel*, the Interest to be distributed amongst the most needful People in the High-Quarter of *Hexham-shire*.

Henry Dixon of the *Staples*, upon the 10th Day of *October* 1702, gave twenty pounds to the poor of the High-Quarter, Low-Quarter and Middle-Quarter of *Hexham-shire* ; the Interest to be distributed amongst them Yearly at *Christ-mas*.
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Madam *Anne Radcliffe* of *Dilston*, Spinster, Sister to the Right Honourable the Earl of *Derwentwater*, by her last Will did give and bequeath ten pounds a Year to the poor of the Parish of *Hexham*, to be distributed upon the 13th Day of *June*.

Mrs. *Margaret Allgood*, Widow of *Lancelot Allgood* of *Newcastle upon Tyne*, Attorney at Law, by her last Will, dated the 8th Day of *June*, 1707, did give and bequeath an hundred Pounds to the poor of the Township of *Hexham* (where her dear Husband was born) the Interest to be distributed amongst them every Year upon *Christmas-Day*, after Evening Service, by the Principal Inhabitants, with the Advice of the Minister.

Mrs. *Mary Allgood*, Spinster, Daughter of *Thomas Allgood* of *Hexham* Gen. and now Bailiff of *Hexham*, by a *Nuncupative* Will, a little before her Death, which happened upon the 5th of *November*, *Anno Dom.* 1709, did give Forty Pounds to the poor of the Town of *Hexham*; the Interest whereof hath since been distributed amongst them.

The Reverend *James Allgood* Clerk, Rector of *Ingram*, her Brother and Administrator, hath promised to confirm, and make it perpetual.

Nicholas Ridley of *Newcastle* upon *Tyne*, Esq; and Alderman, by his last Will, dated the 7th Day of *December* 1710, did give and Bequeath twenty pounds to the poor of the Township of *Hexham*; The Interest to be distributed Yearly, to the more Aged and Infirm, eight days before *Christmas*.

Mrs. *Dorothy Allgood*, Spinster, Eldest Daughter of the said *Thomas Allgood* of *Hexham*, Gen. who dyed upon the 6th day of *September*, 1712, some time before her Death, did assign and make over her Fortune to her Brother, the said Mr. *James Allgood*, upon certain Conditions; one of which was, That if she dyed before Marriage, the Interest of Forty pounds should be Yearly distributed to the poor of the Town of *Hexham*; which the said Mr. *James Allgood*, her Brother, designs to fulfill and make good.

Elizabeth Gibson of *Hexham*, Widow, by her last Will, dated the 29th of *December*, 1712, did give and bequeath twenty pounds to the Poor of the Town of *Hexham*; the Interest thereof to be yearly distributed amongst them.

Hexham Free-School, and School-House.

QUEEN *Elizabeth* of blessed Memory, by her Letters Patents, bearing date at *Westminster* the 25th day of *June*, in the 41 Year of her Reign, founded a Free Grammar-School in *Hexham*.

The present Governors pay the Master a Salary of Twenty Pounds a Year; but none of them can or will tell who gave the Moneys out of which the same doth arise.

The Town of *Hexham* and Neighbouring Country, *Anno Dom.* 1684, by Subscriptions and Contributions did build a School-house, (since made the Sessions-House) with a House for the Master, which cost them about an hundred and fifty Pounds.

Whitley-Chapel in Hexhamshire.

THERE had been in old time a little Chapel by the High-way-side which leads from the Head of the Shire to *Hexham*, where a Branch of it turns off to the *East* to the
Steel

Steel and Duxfield Mills, dedicated to St. Helen, commonly called Whitley-Chapel, which had been entirely ruin'd, and was rebuilt by Subscriptions, sometime before the Restauration, to Teach School, and the Neighbourhood to meet in upon Occasion, as is set forth in the Preamble to the said Subscriptions, which having no date, the precise time cannot now be remembred. The first two who Subscribed the same, were the Right Worshipful Sir Edward Radcliff, and Sir John Fenwick, Baronets, who wrote in this manner, viz.

I *Do well approve of this Charitable Work, and desire William Rowland, that he will deliver three Trees in Dotland Park, for my Part, for that Use,*
Edward Radcliff.

I *Desire William Rowland to deliver six Trees, for this use, out of my Part of the Wood at Dotland, which I bought of my Lord of Newcastle,*
John Fenwick.

William Tare of Ourd-Lee did Subscribe five couple of Spars.

Mr. George Bacon of Broadwood-hall in Allandale, having then a Fall of Timber in the Steel-hall-Wood, in the Parish of Slealey, gave a Wain-Load of Square Timber, towards the Rebuilding of the said Chapel.

This is thought fit to be made publick, not onely to do Justice to their Memories, but also as a President, to Repair Hexham Church; and that a Project to that purpose may be set on Foot.

In the Year of our LORD 1662, Sir *William Fenwick* of *Wallington*, Baronet, did Subscribe three Pounds a Year (on the backside of the said Preamble) out of the Intack Rents, or Acre-Money, for the use of a School-Master, in this manner, viz.

June 18th, 1662.

I Am content to give out of the Intacks of the Middle and High Quarter of Hexhamshire, the Sum of three pounds Yearly, for the Use of a School-Master at Whirley Chapel.

William Fenwick.

In the Year of our Lord 1694, the Quakers from distant Parts meeting at the said Chapel-hill, and great Numbers, out of Curiosity, resorting to them, the said Chapel was made fit, and Appropriated to Divine Service; the Minister of *Slealey* hath officiated there every other Sunday, which proved effectual to defeat their Designs. But the said Chapel being very mean, and not sufficient to contain half the People who resorted thither to Divine Service, in the Year following, 1695, there was an Augmentation made thereunto by Subscriptions; but none of these, nor the former Subscribers, exceeding Twenty Shillings a Piece, it's thought sufficient to preserve a Memorial of them in *Hexham* Parish Register.

Allendale.

AN Account of their Poor-Money, as they have engrossed it on a Piece of Parchment, viz.

A Note of the Poor-Money belonging to the Parish of Allendale.

Twelve Pounds a Year left by *John Shield* of *London*, viz. ten pounds to the Poor of the whole Parish, one pound for two Sermons, and one pound to the ten Men, viz. Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish, for their Pains in distributing the said Money.

Twenty Pounds left by *Leonard Shield* of *Bridge Eale*, the Yearly Use thereof to the Poor of *Allenton* and *Catton* Grieveships. 20 l. 0 s. 0 d.

Twenty Pounds left by *Nicolas Shield* of the *Pyatroone*, the yearly Use thereof to the Poor of *Allenton* and *Catton* Grieveships. 20 l. 0 s. 0 d.

Twenty Pounds left by *Cuthbert Stoute* of the *Old Town*, the yearly Use thereof to the Poor of *Allenton* and *Catton* Grieveships. 20 l. 0 s. 0 d.

Twenty Pounds left by *Nicolas Wilkinson*, of the *West-side*, the yearly Use thereof to the Poor of the whole Parish, 20 l. 0 s. 0 s.

Twenty

Twenty Pounds left by *William Currey* of *El-
lersoppe*, the yearly Use thereof to the Poor of the
Park and *Forrest* Grieveships. 20 l. 0 s. 0 d.

Twenty Marks left by *John Ridley* of *Hollin-
green*, the yearly Use thereof to the Poor of the
whole Parish. 13 l. 6 s. 8 d.

Twenty Marks left by *Hugh Hutchinson* of
Durham, the yearly Use thereof to the Poor of
the whole Parish. 13 l. 6 s. 8 d.

Ten Pounds left by *James Broadwood* of *Hind-
ley-hill*, the yearly Use thereof to the Poor of
Keenley Grieveship. 10 l. 0 s. 0 d.

Ten Pounds left by *Leonard Wilson* of the
Oakepool, the yearly Use thereof to the Poor of
Keenley Grieveship. 10 l. 0 s. 0 d.

Ten Pounds left time out of mind, the year-
ly Use thereof to the Poor of the whole Parish.
10 l. 0 s. 0 d.

Ten Pounds left time out of mind, the year-
ly Use thereof to the poor of the whole Parish.
10 l. 0 s. 0 d.

Seven Pounds left time out of mind, the year-
ly Use thereof to the Poor of the whole Parish.
7 l. 0 s. 0 d.

Three Pounds left time out of mind, the yearly Use thereof to the Poor of the whole Parish.

3 l. 0 s. 0 d.

Twenty Pounds left by *Henry Stephenson* of the Hagg, the yearly Use thereof to the Poor of the Park and Forreſt Grieveships.

20 l. 0 s. 0 d.

Ten Pounds left by *William Hutchinson* of the Green-dike, the yearly Use thereof to the Poor of the whole Parish.

10 l. 0 s. 0 d.

Ten Pounds left by *John Nevin* of Sipton-Sheele, the yearly Use thereof to the Poor of the Park and Forreſt Grieveships.

10 l. 0 s. 0 d.

Twenty eight Pounds more left, and likely to be lost.

28 l. 0 s. 0 d.

Twenty Pounds left by *John Richardson* of the Park-side, the yearly Use thereof to the Poor of the whole Parish.

20 l. 0 s. 0 d.

Five Pounds left by *Hugh Wilson* of the Bourn-Tongues, for the Use of Keenley.

5 l. 0 s. 0 d.

Allendale Free-School.

William Hutchinson of Portgate, in the said Parish, by his last Will dated the 25th day of January, 1692, did give and bequeath
to

to the pious Use of a Free-School in the Parish of *Allendale*, a House and Garth in *Allendale* Town, (worth about 24 l.) called the *Tinker-House*, after the Death of his Wife *Elizabeth*.

Mrs. *Cicilia Bacon*, of *Catton-Lee*, Widow, made her last Will, *Anno Dom. 1696*, whereby she did give and bequeath fifty Pounds to a Free School in the Town of *Allendale*, provided the Inhabitants of the said Parish should Purchase a Free-hold or Copy-hold Estate of the clear yearly Value of Ten Pounds, for the Use of a School-master, within three Years after her Death, the said 50 l. to be given towards the said Purchase.

Mr. *Thomas Wise*, Minister of *Allendale*, born at *Thornhill* in *Yorkshire*, having by his last Will made the 2d Day of *December*, 1700, left Ten Pounds to the Poor, and being after informed that the Project for founding a Free-School in *Allendale* was like to take effect, by a Codicil dated the 7th day of *February*, 1700, transferred the said ten pounds to the Use of a Free-School; provided the same should be founded and settled within three Years after his Death.

Christopher Wilkinson of *Chapel-house* in the Parish of *Allendale*, having sold his Copy-hold Estate for that purpose, by his last Will dated the 27th Day of *February*, 1700, did give and be-

bequeath two hundred and fifty Pounds to found a Free-Grammar-School, on the *West-side* of *East-Allen Water*.

His Will contains a Settlement and Regulation of the said School, to which all Partys at last submitted and agreed; so that he is to be accounted the chief and principal Founder.

Founders of Allendale Free-School.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
C hristopher Wilkinson of Chapel-house.	250	0	0.
Mrs. Cicilia Bacon of Catton-Lee.	050	0	0.
William Hutchinson of Portgate, a House.			
Mr. Thomas Wise, Minister of Allendale.	010	0	0.
Then raised by Contributions.	016	0	0.

In all. 326 0 0.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
The Trustees, <i>Anno Dom.</i> 1704, built a	} 050	0	0.
School-house, which cost them			
So that the whole Fund or Capital-	} 276	0	0.
Stock, besides the <i>Tinker-house</i> , is			

Allenheads and Coldcleugh Chapels.

TH^O there be two Chapels, the one in *East*, and the other in *West Allen*, both in Repair,

pair, yet the Stewards and Workmen belonging to the Lead-Mines, for their greater ease and conveniency, *Anno Dom. 1703*, by a voluntary Contribution, (Sir *William Blacket* finding the Timber) did build a new Chapel at *Allenheads*, higher up the *Dale*, amongst the Lead-Mines; and *Anno Dom. 1704*, another Chapel at *Coldclough*, at the Head of *West-Allen Water*, nigh the Lead-Mines there.

The late Sir *William Blacket*, at the same time built a House at *Allenheads-Close*, adjoining to that Chapel, for a Minister, who resides and reads Prayers there every Morning at six a Clock, before they begin Work, and Preaches the first Sunday in every Month at *Coldclough-Chapel*, and the Remainder at *Allenheads*, and Administers the Holy Sacraments.

He hath for his Salary half a Day's Wage of every Workman every Month; which in the time of Peace, when these Lead-Mines did flourish, amounted to between 70 *l.* and 80 *l.* a Year.

The late Sir *William Blacket* gave ten Pounds a Year to a Schoolmaster at *Allenheads*, and five Pounds a Year to a Schoolmaster at *Coldclough-Chapel*, which is still continued, but not made perpetual.

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Whitfield Parish:

*N*icolas *Wilkinson* of *Potter-house*, by his last Will did give and bequeath twenty Pounds to the Poor of the Parish of *Whitfield*, (where he was born,) the Interest to be distributed amongst them every Year at *Christmas*. 20*l.* 0*s.* 0*d.*

Note, That he was the same *Wilkinson* that left 20*l.* to the Parish of *Allendale*, where he dwelt for some time at the *West-side*.

Thomas Marten, by his last Will, did give and bequeath ten Pounds for the Use of the Poor of the Parish of *Whitfield*. 10*l.* 0*s.* 0*d.*

Aldston and Garrygill.

*M*R. *John Shield*, Citizen and Cook of *London*, by Indenture made the 5th Day of *June*, *Anno Dom.* 1617, did give forty Shillings a Year to the poor of the Parish of *Aldston*, alias, *Anstin-Moor*.

Mr. *Robert Wilkinson* of *Odd-Rode*, in the County Palatine of *Chester*, by his last Will and Testament, dated the 24th day of *February*, *Anno* 2 *Jac.* 2. *Vizt.* 1685, did give and bequeath an hundred

hundred Pounds to the Village of Garrygill,
 (where his Mother was born,) to purchase Lands
 of the clear yearly Value of five Pounds a Year;
 And wherewith his Trustees, upon the 27th day
 of April, Anno 1. W. and M. vixt. 1689, did
 purchase an Annuity or yearly Rent Charge of
 five Pounds a Year, to be issuing, taken and
 had out of certain Lands in the Town of Bowes
 in the County of York, for the Uses limited
 by the said Will, viz. Twenty Shillings a Year
 to a School-master at Garrygill, towards his
 Maintenance; and forty Shillings a Year to the
 said School-master for teaching six poor Children
 of the poorest Inhabitants in Garrygill, gratis,
 till they can read the Bible through, and then o-
 thers to be put in their stead; ten Shillings to
 a Minister for preaching a Sermon every Year in
 Garrygill Chapel upon the first Day of February;
 and ten Shillings to be distributed yearly to such
 poor Inhabitants in Garrygill, (as his Trustees
 and their Successors shall judge most needful) in
 the said Chapel, immediately after the said Ser-
 mon shall be ended; and the remaining twenty
 Shillings a Year to his four Trustees, and their
 Successors, to each of them five Shillings a Piece.
 Provided always, that if the said Trustees, and
 their Successors, shall neglect or refuse to nomi-
 nate and appoint six poor Children to be taught
 as aforesaid, for the space of one Month, after
 they shall be desired by the said School-master,
 that then the said forty Shillings a Year, left for
 their Learning, and the said twenty Shillings a
 Year,

Year, lent to the said Trustees, shall for ever after be paid to the said Chapel-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor, and shall be by them distributed yearly and every Year to the Poor in the said Chapel, upon the first Day of *February*, in manner aforesaid.

Kirkhaugh Parish.

THE Church-Wardens of *Kirkhaugh* had eighteen pounds in their Hands, but none can tell when, or by whom it was given or left; they pay the Yearly Interest thereof towards the Maintenance of a petty School-master: Eight pounds of the said eighteen is utterly lost; the remaining ten pounds in great danger to follow the same Fate, if timely Care be not taken thereof.

Knaretsdale.

K*naresdale* Parish had forty shillings left to the Use of the Poor, whereof twenty shillings is in great danger to be lost, being in the Hands of one who is now maintained by the Parish: the other twenty, at present, is in a very good Hand.

Haltwhistle.

M*R. John Lomas* of *Whitbeild's*, by his last Will and Testament dated the 26th day

day of *October* 1709, did give and bequeath fifteen pounds to the Poor of *Ridley* Lordship; but if there shall be a Fund settled to keep a Minister at *Beltingham* Chapel, the Interest of the said 15 l. to go to the Maintenance of the said Minister.

Nicolas Ridley of *Newcastle upon Tyne*, Esq; and Alderman, born at *Hard-Riding* in the said Parish, by his last Will and Testament, dated the 7th day of *December* 1710, did give and bequeath forty shillings a Year to the poor of the Parish of *Haltwhistle*, out of a little Farm or Tenement, call'd, *Wagtail-hall*: He also gave a Rent charge of four pounds and ten shillings a Year to the poor of the Town of *Newcastle upon Tyne*, and fifty pounds to the poor of the City of *Carlisle*: All his said Charities to be distributed every Year to the more Aged and Infirm, eight days before *Christmas*, which with the 20 l. left to the poor of the Township of *Hexham*, will amount to the sum or value of two hundred pounds, or ten pounds a Year.

Warden Parish.

M*Rs. Ursula Mountney* of *Stonecroft*, Widow, by her last Will and Testament dated the 16th day of *July*, 1680, did give and bequeath an Annuity of twelve pounds a Year, out of her Lands and Tenements, call'd *Stonecroft* and the

Nun-Bush, in the Parish of *Warden*, to *Ralph Claver-
ing of Calla Lee, Esq;* in trust for the Use of the
poor of diverse Parishes, *viz.* to the poor of the
Parish of *Warden* three pounds, the poor of the
Parish of *Hexham* three pounds, of *Chollerton*
forty shillings, *St. John Lee's* twenty shillings,
and the poor of the Parish of *Corbridge* twenty
shillings a Year, which is distributed every Year
at *Christmas*. And the remaining forty shillings
a Year to the Distributer for his care and pains
therein.

John Shafto, Clerk, Vicar of *Warden*, by Deed
of Lease and Release, made the 16th and 17th
day of *June* 1685, did grant and confirm unto se-
ven Trustees therein Named, all his Manour, Lord-
ship or Capital Messuage of *Monsen*, with the
Appurtenances in the Parish of *Balmbrongh* in
the County of *Northumberland*, worth about 80*l.*
a Year, in trust, to and for the several Uses there-
in specified, *viz.*

To him the said *John Shafto*, during the Term
of his Natural Life, and after his Death, which
happened in *November* 1696, The said Trustees
to demise the same for any Number of Years,
reserving the full improved Rents thereof for pi-
ous and charitable Uses: *viz.*

Out of the first Rents to purchase a convenient
parcel of Land in *Haydonbridge*, to build a School-
house thereon for a free *Grammar School*, and an
English School, and a Dwelling-House for the Ma-
ster of the said School.

Which

Which said Trustees, in Discharge of the Trust reposed in them, did purchase such parcel of Land, and Build such School-house, and a House for the Master of the said School ; all which cost them 260l. 2s. 8d.

The said School-house of late is converted into a Chapel, and made fit for Divine Service and Preaching, and wherein the same is perform'd.

After the said House and School-house should be finished, the said Trustees to pay ten pounds a Year to the Usher of the said School, out of the one Moiety of the the said clear Yearly Rents, and the Remainder to the Master of the said School, who are to teach any number of Boys, Girls and young Men, Born within the Chapel-ry of *Haydonbridge* and *VWoodsheels*, both in the Parish of *VVarden*. The Usher not to take above sixpence, and the Master a penny a Quarter, upon pain of forfeiting their Places.

And the said Trustees to distribute one fourth part of the said clear Yearly Rents amongst the poor Protestant Families of *Haydon-bridge* and *VWoodsheels*, according to their Discretion, and the several necessities of the said Poor.

And the other Fourth part of the said Rents to be disposed of, for putting out to Trades poor Protestant Children, Born within the places atore-said.

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Symonburn.

MR. Gyles Heron of Wark, in the Parish of Symonburn, by his last Will and Testament dated the 23d of September, Ann. Dom. 1679, did give and bequeath the Sum of two hundred pounds towards the founding a Free-School at Wark aforesaid: And all his other Effects to and for the Use of the poor of the Parish of Symonburn, the Interest to be distributed Yearly amongst them, upon *All-Saints Day* and *Good-Friday*.

His Trustees have since purchased those Lands called *Tecket* in the said Parish, worth forty pounds a Year, for the Use of the said School and Poor.

Chollerton.

MRS. Ursula Mountney left Forty Shillings a Year to the poor of the Parish of *Chollerton*, as aforesaid.

St. John Lees.

Thomas Errington of *Bingfieldhall*, Gent. by his last Will and Testament dated the 20th Day of November, Ann. Dom. 1677, did give and bequeath ten pounds a Year, for and towards the keeping of a Free-School, to be paid out of his Lands called, the *East-Quarter*:
And

And five* pounds a Year to the poor of the Parish of *St. John Lees*, to be paid out of his Estate at *Bingfield*.

Mrs. Mountney left 20 l. a Year as afore said.

Stamfordham Parish.

SIR *Thomas Widdrington*, Kt. (Descended of the Honourable Family of that Name in *Northumberland*) sometime Lord Keeper of the Great Seal of *England*, about 59 Years ago, founded a Free-School at *Stamfordham*.

There is a Farm of Land in the Town of the *Hengh*, worth about 20 l. a Year, belonging to the said School, which the Master may either keep in his own Hand or let to Farm; Also a School-house, and a Dwelling-house for the Master, who is to Teach the Children of Day-Labourers, and those that receive Alms, gratis. The present Patron is *Mark Shafto* of *Whitworth*, in the County Palatine of *Durham*, Esq; and now High-Sheriff of the said County.

Henry Paston of *Blackbedon*, Gent. by a Deed made the 14th Day of *March* 1698, did give unto the poor of the Parish of *Stamfordham*, twelve pounds a Year out of the Rents of his Estate at *Blackbedon* and *Wallridge*, to be distributed by the Minister and Church-Wardens at four several Terms, viz. the first day of *May*, the first day of *August*, the eleventh day of *November*, and the second day of *February*.

Oving-

Ovingham Parish.

Edward Fletcher of Ovington, by his last Will and Testament dated the 29th day of May 1699, did give and Bequeath forty Shillings a Year to the poor of the Parish of Ovingham to be distributed Yearly, the one Moiety on the day of his Birth, being the first day of March, and the other Moiety on the day of his Death, being the 13th day of June.

John Blacket of Wyleham-Hall, Esq; by his last Will and Testament dated the 29th of September Ann. Dom. 1707, did give and bequeath six pounds a Year, to be paid out of his Lands in West Denton, to the poor of the Parish of Ovingham, to be distributed by the Minister and Church-Wardens, upon the Feast of All-Saints.

Bywell, St. Peter.

MAdam Elizabeth Radcliffe of Dilston, Widow, by her last Will and Testament dated the 18th day of December 1668, did give and bequeath an Annuity or Rent-Charge of twenty pounds a Year to the poor of divers Parishes: four pounds a Year, part and parcel thereof to the poor of the Parish of St. Peter in Bywel, more especially of Whittenstall and Newlands, to be distributed every Year upon St. Lucie's day, or thereabout.

Joseph

Joseph Teasdale of *Bromley*, by his last Will and Testament dated the 16th day of *February*, 1693, did give and bequeath to the poor of the Parish of *St. Peter* in *Bywel* twenty shillings a Year; to be paid Yearly out of his Lands in *Bromley* aforesaid.

Mr. Thomas Brown of *Newton-Hall* by his last Will and Testament dated the 13th day of *September*, 1703, did give and bequeath ten pounds to the poor of the said Parish of *St. Peter* in *Bywel*.

Bywel St. Andrew.

John Hutton, Clerk, Vicar of *Warden*, and sometime Vicar of *Bywel St. Andrew-Church*, by his last Will and Testament, did give and bequeath all that his Tenement in *Bywel*, call'd *Three-Quarter-Land* (then worth 4 but now 7 or 8 l. a Year) which he had bought for the Term of sixty Years, (whereof about Forty were then in being) to the next Vicar of *Bywel St. Andrew-Church*, upon Condition, that he should give good Security to his Executors, *Mr. Benony Stere*, Minister of *Hexham*, and *Mr. Ralph Hedley*, publick Notary of the City of *Durham*, and the Right Worshipful *Mr. Chancellor*, to purchase the Fee-Farm of it, and that it should go successively from Vicar to Vicar; for the better Maintenance of the said Vicars of *Bywel St. Andrew Church*; otherwise to go to the several Uses specified in the said Will.

Andrew Hall, Clerk, his Successor in the said Vicarage of *Bywel St. Andrew Church*, by In-

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denture made the 5th Day of *July*, *Anno Dom.* 1651, did purchase the said *Three-Quarter-Land*, of Sir *John Fenwick* of *Wallington*, Baronet.

The aforesaid Mr. *Thomas Brown*, by his last Will did give five pounds to the poor of the Parish of *St. Andrew* in *Bywel*.

Corbridge Parish.

M Adam *Elizabeth Radcliffe*, Widow of the Rt. Worshipful Sir *Edward Radcliffe* of *Dilston*, Bart. and Mother of the Right Honourable *Francis* late Earl of *Derwentwater*, by her last Will and Testament dated the 18th day of *December*, *Anno Dom.* 1668 did give and bequeath an Annuity or Rent-Charge of twenty pounds a Year, which she then had of Mr. *Francis Sutton* of *Green-Croft*, to the poor of several Parishes, viz. of *Corbridge* ten pounds; the poor Roman Catholics of *Hexham* four pounds; the poor of the Parish of *St. Peter* in *Bywel*, especially *Whittenstal* and *Newlands*, four pounds; and the remaining Forty shillings a Year to the poor of the Parish of *Slealey*; to be distributed Yearly upon *St. Lucie's-Day* or thereabout.

Mrs. *Ursula Mountney* left 20 s. a Year, as aforesaid.

Mrs. *Ann Swinburn* of *Dilston*, by her last Will did give and bequeath twenty pounds to be distributed to the poor in general on the Day of her Burial; and Forty six pounds to the poor
of

of the Parish of *Corbridge*; to be distributed at *Dilston*, upon *St. Thomas* Day before *Christmas*.

Madam Ann Radcliffe of *Dilston*, Sister to the Right Honourable *Francis* late Earl of *Derwentwater*, by her last Will and Testament, (as'tis said) did give and bequeath to the poor of the Parish of *Corbridge* ten pounds a Year, and other ten pounds a Year to the poor of the Parish of *Hexham*, as also thirty pounds a Year to the Parish of *Corbridge* to bind Apprentices.

Robert Troutbeck, Clerk, Vicar of *Corbridge*, by his last Will and Testament made in the time of Health, some Years before his Death, without any date; but published and declared to be his last Will and Testament, upon the 12th Day of *May* 1706, did give and bequeath to the poor of the Parish of *Corbridge* and Chapelry of *Halton*, a certain Messuage and Lands in *Corbridge* which cost him an hundred pounds; the Yearly Rent thereof to be distributed to and amongst them by one of the Name of *Troutbeck*, or by the Minister and Church-Wardens for the time being.

He did also give and bequeath fifty pounds to the poor of *Dacre* Parish in *Cumberland*, the place of his Nativity; and other fifty pounds to the poor of the Parish of *Bownesse* in the said County,

Mr. John Cook of *Aidon White-house*, by his last Will and Testament dated the 5th of *March* 1711, did give and bequeath six pounds a Year for the

Term of seven Years, (to commence 12 Months after his Death) to the poor Housholders of the Parish of *Corbridge*, to be distributed amongst them by the Vicar and four and twenty, by equal Portions, on *St. Andrew's Day* and *Good-Friday* Yearly, during the said Term of seven Years.

Halton Chapel in the Parish of Corbridge.

John Douglas of *Newcastle upon Tyne*, Esq; having purchased the Capital Messuage of *Halton*, and the Estate there, formerly belonging to the Ancient Family of the *Carnaby's*, in the Year of our Lord, 1706, did set forward the Rebuilding an Old Parochial Chapel there (which had been entirely ruined) for the Ease of his Tenants within the said Chapelry; tho' at no unreasonable distance from their Parish Church. The Vicar of *Corbridge* doth Officiate there every third *Sunday* in the Forenoon, and the same Day at Afternoon reads Divine Service in the Parish Church of *Corbridge*.

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The Charge to Rebuild the said Chapel amounted to the Sum of — —	224	18	10
Whereof Mr. Douglas paid — — —	146	17	02
The Remainder was paid by the Freeholders of Whittington. —	078	01	08

Slealey

Slealey Parish.

M Adam Elizabeth Radcliffe of *Dilston*, **Widow**, by her last Will and Testament dated the 18 day of *December*, 1668, did give and bequeath forty Shillings a Year to the poor of the Parish of *Slealey*; to be distributed as aforesaid.

John Shasto, Clerk, Vicar of *Warden*, by his last Will and Testament dated the 13th day of *May*, 1693, did give and Bequeath an Augmentation of ten pounds a Year to the Parish Church of *Slealey* for ever, to be paid at *Martinmas* and *Pentecost*, out of his Securities upon the Estate of *Sir John Heron of Chipchase, Bart.*

Mr. Witton.

Since the first Sheet was Printed off, the Publisher hath received from *Richard Witton of Wakefield, Esq;* a Grant of a Rent-Charge of forty Shillings a Year, to be issuing out of a Farm of 71.2 Year in *Alnwick*, in the County of *Northumberland*, now in the Possession of *Mr. Edward Grey*, made the 9th Day of *March*, 1712, by him the

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said Richard Witton, Dame Elizabeth his Wife, and Richard Witton, Esq; his Eldest Son and Heir, to Richard Ridley of Newcastle upon Tyne, Esq; and Alderman, Joseph Bell of Hexham, Tanner, and Ralph Pattison of Hexham, Woodmonger, and their Heirs in Trust, and upon Condition, that they shall well and truly pay the said forty Shillings a Year, every Year at Candlemas, to the Minister and Churchwardens of the Town of Hexham for the time being, to be by them distributed to forty poor Widows in the Township of Hexham, every Year upon Good-Friday, pursuant to the Request of the said Mrs. Jane Lamson.

The Publisher was misinformed concerning the said Mr. Edward Lamson, who did not come from Topcliff, but Brunton in Northumberland, where his Estate lay, and he designed to have built a Seat House for himself and Family, and had provided Timber and other Materials for that purpose; but was diverted from that Design by the Death of his dear Consort, and thereupon removed to Hexham.

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*An Abstract of Queen Elizabeth's
Charter, for founding a Free-Grammar-
School at Hexham.*

QUEEN Elizabeth of Blessed Memory, by
her Letters Patent, bearing date at West-
minster the 29th day of June, in the 41
Year of her Reign, out of her great care to pro-
mote Religion and Learning, did found, erect
and establish a Free-Grammar-School at Hexham,

to be called, *The Free-Grammar-School of Queen Elizabeth in Hexham, in the County of Northumberland*; and consist of a Master and Usher; and the Scholars therein to be taught by them, according to the Orders in the said Letters Patent afterwards mentioned and expressed; And appointed twelve Governors to take care of the Revenues of the said School; and made them an incorporated *Politick* Body, both in Effect and Name, by the Name of, *The Governors of the Goods, Possessions, and Revenues of the Free-Grammar-School of Queen Elizabeth in Hexham, in the County of Northumberland*; and by that Name to be named and called; to have a perpetual Succession, a common Seal, and be Persons capable and qualified in Law, to take, have, hold and possess, as well Messuages, Lands and Tenements, and other Hereditaments, as Goods and Chattels, to them and their Successors, for and towards the support of the said School, and of the Master and Usher thereof; And by the same Name to sue and be sued, to implead, prosecute, and defend any Action of what nature or kind soever, in any of her Majesties Courts, her Heirs and Successors, or of any other Person or Persons whatsoever, within the Kingdom of *England*, and else where, before any of her or their Judges or Justices, and to do all other things, to be executed and done, after the same manner that her Majesties other good Subjects do and may do in any of the said Courts, before any of the said Judges.

And

And as often as any of the said Governors shall dye, or be removed from his Place, the Major Part to choose another fit Person within a Month after; who is to be a Man fearing God, of a fair Character, of the full Age of one and twenty Years, and inhabiting within the Parish of *Hexham*; And in Case of their neglect herein, the same to be chosen by the Lord Arch-Bishop of *York*, or the See being Vacant, by the Dean of *York* for the time being, with the Consent and Assent of any two of the said Governors.

And her Majesty did further give and grant unto the said Governors, and their Successors for ever, full Power, Licence and Authority, with the Assent and Consent of the Lord Arch-Bishop of *York*, or, the See being vacant, of the Dean of *York*, for the time being, from time to time upon occasion to choose, nominate and appoint a Master and Usher for the said School, and for just Cause, to Remove them or either of them: And with the Assent and Consent of the said Arch-Bishop or Dean of *York*, to make and ordain good and wholesome Laws, Statutes and Ordinances, touching the Election, Nomination and Deprivation of the said Master and Usher; and the disposing of the Goods, Chattels and Revenues of the said School, and the Salaries of the Master and Usher, and all other necessary things concerning the said School; Provided the same be not contrary to the Laws, Statutes, and

and Customs of *England*, and the Orders expressed in her Majesties said Letters Patent.

An Abstract of the Statutes of Hexham Free-School.

THE aforesaid Governors, by Vertue of her said Majesties Letters Patent, having obtained the Assent and Consent and Approbation of the most Reverend Father in God, *Matthew*, by Divine Providence, Lord Arch-Bishop of *York*, Primate and Metropolitane of *England*, the 10th day of *September*, in the 42 Year of her Majesties Reign, *Anno Dom. 1600*, did order, ordain, make and set down in writing certain Statutes within the said School, to be by the School-master, Usher, and Scholars, and by all and every the Governors of the said School, which then were, or hereafter shall be, observed, performed, and in every point inviolably kept, *viz. Concerning*:

The Religion and hability of the School-master; who is to be well skilled in the Greek and Latin-Tongues, an honest Man in Conversation, a zealous and sound Professor of true Religion, abhorring all Papistry:

The planting of Religion in the Scholars, by Teaching them every Week the Principles of true Religion, and causing them to get by Heart some short Catechism allowed by Authority; to note Sermons, &c.

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The observing of Hours (or times dedicated to study) in the School; And one chief Monitor to be appointed weekly, and his Office.

The Method how he shall teach the Grammar.

Weekly Exercises of Epistles, Themes, Orations; Verses, Writing Greek, Roman and Secretary Hands, the Judges of Writing, and Exercises in Greek, both Epistles and Verses.

Quarterly Exercises.

Times for breaking up of the School, at *Christmas*, *Easter*, and *Whitsonide*.

Times for Play-days.

The Absence of the School-master and Usher.

Orders for the Usher; who is to be a sober, discreet Person, of godly Conversation, a Professor of true Religion, furnished both with the Greek and Latin-Tongue, and able to read all Lectures in the School, in the School-masters absence.

Statutes for the Scholars containing their Duty to God, their Parents, the Master and Usher, and all other Persons; that they observe the Hours in coming to School, apply their Studies, note Sermons and Lectures of Divinity, keep their Exercises as directed, and use the Latin Tongue (such as are able) in and about the School.

But no Weapons, as Dagger, Sword, Staff, Cudgel, &c. no buying, selling, or defrauding of their Fellows; shall not haunt Ale-houses, or play at unlawful Games, as Dice, Cards, Tables,

&c. and for their Exercises upon Play-days, shall be furnished with Bows and Arrows.

Concerning the Election, Approbation, and Admission of the School-master.

Whensoever the said School shall happen to be Vacant, the said Governors to meet the Sunday after, and consult how to furnish the said School of a discreet, honest, learned, and religious Schoolmaster; who is to be of the full Age of twenty and six Years, a Master of Arts in one or other of the Universities of *Cambridge* or *Oxford*.

The Act of the said Election, with the Date thereof, to be written in a Book, by the Usher of the said School, and thereupon an Instrument to be made, under their Common Seal, whereby the Person so elected, shall be presented to the Lord Arch-Bishop of *York*, or the See being vacant, to the Dean of *York* for the time being, humbly craving his Lordships Approbation of the said Election.

The Person so elected to bring a Certificate of his Graces Approbation, that he hath subscribed the Articles of Religion, and taken the Oath of Supremacy, *&c.*

Upon Receipt whereof, the said Governors (after he hath taken the Oath following) shall admit him to be Master of the said School, during his Life, unless he resign, or be removed by the Major part of the said Governors, for some Cause or Causes, to be allowed of and subscribed unto by the Lord Arch-Bishop of *York*, or the See being Vacant, by the Dean of *York* for the time being.

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The Oath of the Schoolmaster.

YOU shall Swear, That you shall diligently execute the Office of the Schoolmaster of the Free-Grammar-School at Hexham, to which you are chosen, to the glory of God, the Profit and Instruction of all the Scholars of the said School; the Information of their Manners, their increase of Knowledge, to the uttermost of your skill. And you shall well and faithfully observe all and every the Statutes, Laws and Ordinances of the said School, in all Points, except it be otherwise with you dispensed.

So help you GOD.

The Election and Admission of the Usher, who is to be chosen by the Master, a sober Man, of godly Conversation, and allow'd of by the Major part of the said Governors, under their Hands and Seals; to take a corporal Oath, &c. and being admitted, to continue during his Life; unless he give over, or be removed by the Major part of the said Governors, for some reasonable Cause, or Causes, to be allowed of, and subscribed by the Commissary of Hexhamshire.

The Oath of the Usher.

YOU shall diligently and faithfully Execute the Office of the Usher of the Free-Grammar-School
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of Hexham, to the Honour of Almighty God, the Profit and Instruction of the Scholars of the said School, both in Knowledge and Vertue: you shall be obedient to the School-master of the said School in all things touching the good Government of the Scholars therein: And you shall well and faithfully observe, keep and obey, and cause to be observed, kept and obeyed, all the Statutes, Laws and Ordinances of the said School, to the uttermost of your skill and ability.

So help you God.

Concerning the Stipends and Salaries of the School-master and Usher, which are to be paid unto them Quarterly by the said Governors, viz. at the Feast of the Nativity of our Blessed Saviour, the Annuntiation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, of St. John Baptist, and St. Michael the Archangel.

That the whole yearly Revenue shall be to the School-master, except four Pounds a Year to be paid to the Usher Quarterly at the said Feasts.

That the Master shall receive of every Scholar under him, born within the Parish of Hexham, four Pence a Year, viz. at every of the said Feasts a Penny, and no more; except it shall please the Parent of any such Scholar to bestow more of his own accord.

And of every Scholar under him, born without the Parish of Hexham, four Shillings a Year, viz. twelve Pence at every of the said Quarter Days.

Days. And the Usher to receive of every Scholar under him, born without the Parish of *Hexham*, two Shillings a Year, viz. Sixpence at every of the said Quarter-Days.

The said School to be divided into seven Forms, whereof the three first to be called, *The lower Part of the School*, under the Charge of the Usher; the other four under the Charge of the Schoolmaster, and call'd, *The higher Part of the School*, in every of which the Scholars to be taught the several Books there specify'd.

Concerning the Stewards of the said School and their Accounts, that the said Governors shall Yearly at the Feast of *St. Michael*, or within four Days after, nominate and appoint two of themselves to be Stewards of the said School for the Year following; who for that Year shall have the Collecting and Ordering of all the Revenues, and pay the Master and Usher their Salaries at the four Quarter Days aforesaid.

And at the End of their Year, deliver up a faithful and just Account of their Receipts and Disbursements unto the rest of the Governors in the Presence of the Schoolmaster; and shall pay unto him all such Money, as shall be in their Hands, and perfect Notes of what shall be in Arrear; to be forthwith Collected by the Stewards of the next Year, and paid as part of the Salary for the Year wherein the same were due.

Which Accounts of the Stewards are to be Yearly viewed and presented to the Commissary of *Hexhamshire*, for the time being, at his next Court,

Court to be holden after the Feast of *St. Michael* Yearly, by him to be allowed or disallowed in the Presence of the said School-master, if any difficulty arise about the same.

How the Lands shall be Leased; and every Lease made contrary to the said Order to be utterly void, and the Governors and Stewards consenting to the Scaling of any such Lease forfeit five pounds to the Schoolmaster; and for ever after be disabled and displaced from being Governors of the said School.

That there shall be a large strong Chest with three Locks and Keys, in which shall be kept her Majesty's Letters Patent, the Common Seal, a Book in Parchment, wherein shall be written the Names of all the Governors and their Acts, touching the Election, Approbation, and Admission of the Schoolmaster and Usher, &c. An Inventory of the Goods, &c. The Book of Statutes, &c.

Two of the Keys, from time to time to remain in the keeping of the two Stewards, for the time being; and the third to be always in the Custody of the Master; and no Lease to be made, granted or sealed without the Privy and Presence of the School-master.

And to the End, the Godly Devotion of all and every Benefactor may be had in Remembrance, and others stirred up by their Example to do the like hereafter; It is ordained, that there shall be a Table in fine Vellum made and hung up at the Upper End of the School, wherein shall be written the

the Names and Sirnames of all and every Person, who have already given, or shall hereafter give any Lands or Moneys to the said School, specifying their particular Gifts, and the Day and Year in which the same were or shall be given.

The several Prayers to be said every Day at six in the Morning and five in the Afternoon; and a Psalm or part of a Psalm to be sung at eleven a Clock in the Forenoon; the Master or Usher to kneel down and say, *The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.*

All they that now are, or hereafter shall be chosen Governors of the said Free-School, to take the following Oath, to be Administred by one of the Stewards, for the time being.

The Oath of the Governors.

YOU shall Swear, That you shall well and faithfully Govern and Order the Goods, Chattels, and Possessions of the Free-Grammar-School of Queen Elizabeth in Hexham, and the same shall dispose only to the Maintenance of the School-master and Usher, and the Upholding of the said School according to the Foundation, and faithfully on your Part shall keep the Statutes of the said School.

So Help you God.

The Exposition of all and every of the said Statutes and Ordinances, shall from time to time, as often as any doubt shall arise thereupon, be referred

ferred to the Judgment of the Lord Arch-Bishop of *York* for the Time being, or his Chancellor, Or if the *See* of *York* be Vacant, then to the Dean of *York* for the Time being.

An ACCOUNT of LEGACIES

left by Mr. Richard Fishborn, Citizen and Mercer of London, by his last Will and Testament dated the 30th Day of March, 1625, contained in Ten Sheets of Paper, besides the several Schedules thereunto annexed.

Imprimis, **T**O sixty two poor Men, every of them a Gown of Broad-cloth to wear at his Burial, and Twelve Pence a piece to pay for their Dinners that Day.

Black Gowns and Cloaks to be worn by his Friends at his Funeral, specify'd in a Schedule annexed.

Mourning to all his Men-Servants and Maid-Servants, both Young and Old, who then did serve him, and all those who had been his Household Servants within seven Years next before his Death. *Item* to the Steward and Beadles of Christ's-Hospital, &c.

For several Dinners upon the Day of his Burial,
al, for those who should accompany his Corpse
to Burial, viz.

His Worshipful Friends.

The Governors of Christ's-Hospital.

The Livery of the Company of Mercers.

The better sort of the Parishioners of St.

Bartholomew, where he did dwell.

For a Dinner for the meaner sort.

To the poor of Christ's-Hospital, Lon-

don, a Thousand Marks, viz.

To the poor of Bridewell.

St. Bartholomew, London.

St. Thomas, Southwark.

To the Company of Mercers, London,

to purchase an Annuity of 25 l. a Year for a Ser-
mon to be Preached at Mercer's Chapel, upon
the first Sunday in Mich. Term, till the first
Sunday in Lent, Yearly at Afternoon, viz. 20 l. to
the Preacher for every Sermon, and 40 s. for
ringing the Bell.

To purchase Improvements.

To the said Company of Mercers,

to be let out to five young Men, free of the
Company, by 200 l. to each, five Years gratis.

Item, One thousand pounds more to the said
Company, to purchase Lands of the clear Year-
ly value of 50 l, viz.

Twenty five pounds, part thereof, for maintaining a Lecture or Sermon, upon some Week day, in the Parish Church of *St. Bartholomew*, where he did dwell.

Twenty pounds, part thereof, to be distributed to the poor of the said Parish, by the Wardens of the Company of Mercers, at their Discretion, who are to take care that the said Charity tend not in effect to abate the Ordinary Collections of the Wealthier sort of the said Parish; but may be a clear encrease, and Yearly Addition of relief to the Poor.

Four pounds a Year of the said 50 l. to the second Warden, commonly called *The Husband of the House*, and 20 s. a Year to the Clerk of the said Company for their Pains and Trouble.

Item, Four hundred and twenty pounds more to the said Company to purchase Lands of the clear Yearly value of 21 l. viz. 20 l. thereof to be bestowed upon a Dinner for the Livery of the said Company at their Common-Hall every Year, three Days before or after *Candlemas* Day, and the other 20 s. to be given to a Preacher to make a Sermon in the Chapel to the said Livery before Dinner Yearly for ever.

Item, One Thousand pounds more to the said Company, to purchase Lands of the Yearly value of 50 l. to be distributed to 30 poor Brethren of the said Company, or Widows, in Gowns, Shirts, Hose and Shooes, by the *Husband-Warden* of the said Company, 3 Days before or after *Michaelmas* day yearly for ever.

Item,

Item, Three hundred pounds to the said Company, to defray the Charges at Law, which might arise about the Lands and Hereditaments to be purchased for the Uses aforesaid.

To the Poor of several Parishes, viz.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
St. Buttolph's without Bishopsgate.	20	0	0
St. Buttolph's without Algate.	20	0	0
St. Giles's without Cripple-gate.	20	0	0
St. Sepulchre's, London.	20	0	0
St. Leonard's in Shore-ditch.	20	0	0
White Chapel.	20	0	0

To be distributed to sixty poor Persons
in each Parish, by a Noble a piece.

White and Gilt Silver-Plate left by him, viz.

Ounces.

To Sir. Bapt. Hicks, Kt. and Bart. some- time his Loving Master, Gilt Silver.	400
The Lady Hicks, Gilt Silver.	140
The Lady Julian Noel, Gilt Silver.	70
Sir Charles Morrison, Kt. and Bart. White.	400
The Lady Mary Morrison, Gilt.	70
Mrs. Elizabeth Noel, White Silver.	70
Mrs. Elizabeth Morrison, White Silver.	70
The Company of Mercers, London, Gilt.	100

In all 1320

lib.

To the Town of Huntingdon, the Place
of his Nativity. } 2000

To his Cousin Mrs. Florence Fortescue. } 1000

To his other Relations 340 l.	340
Mr. John Skinner, Clerk of the Company.	30
Hen. Garaner, his Factor in Foreign parts.	200
John Brown, his Godson and Servant.	100
John Sands, his Servant.	50
Mary Shuttlewood, some time his Servant.	50
Margaret Thompson, sometime his Servant.	50
Phil. Child, his present Maid-Servant.	10
Fabel his present Maid-Servant.	10
Tho. Jones, his present Servant.	10
Rich. Meade, whom he had placed an Ap- prentice with Rich. Long.	10
Mr. Nath. Snite, Minister of St. Mildred's in the Poultry.	100
Mr. Josiah Suite, Minister of St. Mary Wool- noth in Lombardstreet.	50
Mr. Grant, Parson of St. Barth. Parish, where he did dwell.	50
Mr. Bake, Lecturer of the said Parish.	50
Mr. Anthony Wooton, Minister, dwelling up- on Towerhill.	50
Mr. Squire, Preacher at St. Leonard's in Shore- ditch.	30
Item, Four hundred pounds to be distributed by 20 l. a piece, to twenty Beneficed Preachers in London, that had but one Living a piece, the same of small Value, whereof Mr. Cowdell, Mini- ster of St. Mary Cole Church, to be one.	
Item, Four hundred pounds more to be distribu- ted by 20 l. a piece to twenty Ministers in London, that were Lecturers, or Unbeneficed, such as his Executor should think worthy.	
	To

To twenty of his loving Friends, whose Names are in a Schedule annexed, five pounds a piece to make each of them a Ring, to wear in his Remembrance. 100

To the poor Prisoners in Ludgate. 30

In one of the Compters in London. 30

In the other of the Compters in London. 30

In Bedlam. 30

The poor Prisoners in the Fleet. 30

In the King's-Bench. 20

In the Marshalsea. 20

To his Servant Tho. Williams. 10

The Good-Wife Biby, dwelling in Chig- 33l. 6s. 8d.

wel-green 5 Marks.

To the poor of the Parish of Copbalt in Essex. 50

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All the said Legacies to the Poor and to Preaching Ministers, to be paid within three Months after his Death, by Mr. John Brown, Citizen and Merchant Taylor of London, his sole Executor.

Richard Fishborn.

Mr. Fishborn having been so great a Benefactor to the North, it is hoped it will not be ill taken, to Print this Account of his other Charities, with those in Tyndale Ward.

It was doubtless a proper Act of Charity in him and the Mercers of London, to extend and apply

it to these poorest and remotest Parts of the Nation (as Hexham and Berwick upon Tweed) where so much Need was then, as there still is in Northumberland, of the Preaching of the Word of GOD; Some Livings being so small, that they will not maintain a Preaching Minister, and some Parishes so large, (†) that it would tend very much to the Interest of Religion, as well as the Ease of the People, if the Government would be pleased to build more Churches or Chapels, as they have done of late in the City of London.

(||) And whereas a Learned and Eminent Divine of our Church hath proposed it as a Rule, whereby to distribute her Majesty's Royal Bounty to the poor Clergy, to begin with the more populous Market Towns, nearest to the City of London, I humbly conceive such Market Towns in the poorest Parts of England, more proper Objects to be the first Partakers of it: Especially these Northern Countries (*) which lye so nigh the Caledonian Boars, which

(†) Those who live in that Part of Hexhamshire, which lyes between Harwoodsheeld-Moor and the River Darwen (being lately measured) are above Eleven Miles from their Parish Church: If we add to the length the badness of the Way, it will be easie to compute the Disadvantages they lye under, with respect to Religion.

(||) See Case of Impropriat. pag. 406.

(*) The Antient Town of Alnwick, a populous Market (and the County) Town, the Ministers certain Salary being onely 12 l. a Year, would seem to stand fair to receive the first fruits of that Royal bounty.

which have made such havock in the Lord's Vineyard; tho' (praised be God) our Case is not now so bad, as it was represented in the Honourable House of Commons, 28th of April 1618, (*) In a Speech in a Committee of the whole House, to a Bill for Augmentation of Ministers Livings.

And whenever the Honourable Trustees and Managers of that Charity shall think fit to begin to dispense it, I hope they will not disdain to follow Mr. Fishborn's Example herein.

An ACCOUNT of Mr. John Sheilds Charity, being an Abstract of the Deed of Settlement.

John Sheild, Citizen and Cook of London, by Indenture made the 14th Day of March, 1616, for the sum of five hundred pounds, did purchase of the Company of Cloath-workers of the City of London, an Annuity, or Yearly Rent-Charge of Eight and Twenty pounds, to be issuing, taken and had, out of their Messuages, Lands and Tenements, situate, lying and being, in St. Nicolas Lane, Fan-Church-Street, and Billiter Lane, London.

Which

(*) Appen. to Case of Impr. pag. 27.

Which said Annuity or Yearly Rent-Charge of 28 l. by Indenture made the 5th Day of June, 1617, he did assign and make over to the Masters, or Governors and Commonalty of the Mystery of Cooks, London, and their Successors for ever, on special Trust and Confidence, and to the End and upon Condition, *That they shall Yearly, and every Year, at the Feasts of St. Michael the Archangel, and the Annuntiation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, by even and equal Portions, well and truly pay or cause to be paid, viz.*

Twenty shillings, parcel of the said Annuity or Yearly Rent Charge, unto such Parson, as shall be appointed the usual Reader of Divine Service in the Parish Church of *East Allendale* (where he the said *John Shield* was Born), and his Successors, for two Sermons Yearly; that is to say, every half Year, to be by him or them, or procured by him or them, to be made in the Parish Church of *East Allendale* for ever. *1 l. 0 s. 0 d.*

Ten pounds, another Parcel of the said Annuity, to the Church-Wardens and six of the Principal Inhabitants of the said Parish of *Allendale*, and their Successors for ever, to be Yearly chosen, to distribute the said Ten pounds, at fit and convenient times, to and amongst the poor of the said Parish. *10 l. 0 s. 0 d.*

Twenty shillings, another parcel of the said Annuity, to the said Church-Wardens, and six Principal Inhabitants for the time being, to be equal-
ly

ly divided amongst them for their care and pains therein.

1 l. 0 s. 0 d.

Forty Shillings, another parcel of the said Annuity, to the Churchwardens and six principal Inhabitants of the Parish of *Austin-Moor*, to be Yearly chosen, to distribute the said 40 s. Yearly and every Year to and amongst the poor People of the said Parish.

2 l. 0 s. 0 d.

Provided always, that if the Churchwardens and six principal Inhabitants of the Parish of *Allendale* shall not distribute the said ten Pounds to the Poor of their Parish, within convenient time, after they shall have received the same, that then the said ten Pounds shall cease and determine for Ever to be paid unto them; And the said Masters, or Governors and Commonalty of the Mystery of Cooks, *London*, shall pay the said ten Pounds Yearly and every Year to the Churchwardens and six principal Inhabitants of the Parish of *Austin-Moor* Church, to be distributed by them to the Poor of the Parish of *Austin-Moor* Yearly for ever.

Also the said twenty Shillings, which was to have been paid to the Churchwardens and six principal Inhabitants of the Parish of *Allendale*, shall be paid to the Churchwardens and six principal Inhabitants of the Parish of *Austin-Moor*, to be equally divided amongst them for their care and pains therein.

Provided also, that if the Churchwardens and

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six principal Inhabitants of the Parish of *Austin-Moor*, or their Successors shall neglect to distribute the said forty Shillings left to their Poor, within convenient time, after they shall have received the same; That then the said Payment shall cease and determine to be made to them; And the said forty Shillings shall be paid to the Churchwardens and principal Inhabitants of the Parish of *Allendale* yearly for ever, to be distributed by them to and amongst the Poor of the Parish of *Allendale*.

And that the said Masters or Governors and Commonalty of the Mystery of Cooks, *London*, shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid, the other Moiety of the said annuity or yearly Rent-Charge, in manner following, *vizt.*

Twenty shillings a year to the Parson of the Parish Church of *St. Mary Aldermary, London*, (where he the said *John Shield* did dwell,) and his Successors for ever, for the time being, for a Sermon to be made by them every Year in the said Parish Church, upon the Feast-day of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin *Mary*. *1l. 0s. 0d.*

Also twenty shillings, another parcel of the said Annuity in manner following, (that is to say,) ten shillings thereof to the Vicar or Reader, five shillings to the Clerk, and five shillings to the Sexton of the said Parish of *St. Mary Aldermary, London*, and their Successors for the time being, to be paid unto them Yearly and every Year upon the Feast-day of *St. Thomas the Apostle*. *1l. 0s. 0d.*

Also

Also twenty Shillings, parcel of the said Annuity, to the Churchwardens of the said Parish of *St. Mary Aldermary, London*, to be distributed by them yearly, to and amongst the Poor of the said Parish, upon the Feast-Day of *St. Thomas the Apostle*. 1 l. 0 s. 0 d.

Also forty Shillings, another parcel of the said Annuity, to the Churchwardens of *St. Benedict Fink, London*, and their Successors for the time being, to be by them distributed Yearly, to and amongst the Poor of the said Parish upon the Feast-Day of *St. Thomas the Apostle*. 2 l. 0 s. 0 d.

Also forty Shillings a Year, for and towards the relieving of the poor Prisoners lying in the Hole of one of the *Compters of London*, for the time being. 2 l. 0 s. 0 d.

Also other forty Shillings of the said Annuity Yearly and every Year for and towards the relieving of the poor Prisoners lying in the Hole in the other of the *Compters of London*, for the time being. 2 l. 0 s. 0 d.

Also forty Shillings, another parcel of the said Annuity, to be paid by the said Masters or Governors and Commonalty of the Mystery of *Cooks, London*, every Year, to two poor Maids, being of honest Name and Fame respectively, upon the several Days of their Marriage, that is to say, to either of them twenty Shillings thereof. 2 l. 0 s. 0 d.

Also

Also twenty Shillings, part of the said Annuity, to be paid and distributed yearly to and amongst the poor Brethren of the said Company of Cooks, London, for the time being, upon the Feast-Day of St. Thomas the Apostle. 1 l. 0 s. 0 d.

And the remaining forty Shillings of the said Annuity, or Yearly Rent-Charge, to be retained and kept by the said Masters or Governors and Commonalty of the Mystery of Cooks, London, for their own proper use, in respect of their care and pains to be sustained in and about the Premises. 2 l. 0 s. 0 d.

28 l. 0 s. 0 d.

A prudent Settlement and Distribution of Charity, and a fit Pattern for Imitation: I wish a good Number of such generous Spirits in that so famous City, which so much abounds with Wealth, would follow such bright Examples, and remember these poorest Parts of England, (tho' not the Place of their Nativity,) as well as that where they have got their Wealth.

And since so many of the Nobility and Gentry of late Years, from all Parts of the Nation, have settled Habitations there, whereby they carry so great a part of the Rents (†) and Riches of the Nation after them, to the great Prejudice of the Country Poor. It would seem an Act of

(†) Sixty thousand Pounds a Year, by Computation, sent out of Northumberland.

of Justice, as well as Charity, and a proper Case of Conscience, whether such Owners of Lands ought not to remit a Portion of their Yearly Rents, for the Maintenance of the Poor in those Places where such Lands do lye; or elsewhere in the same County, where such Objects of Charity are more numerous, according to their Discretion.

A COPY of the BEQUEST
 of Christopher Wilkinson of Chapelhouse,
 in the Parish of Allendale, and County of
 Northumberland, for founding a Free-
 School in Allendale aforesaid, by his last
 Will and Testament, dated the 27th Day of
 February, Anno Dom. 1700.

Imprimis. **W**Hereas I am deeply sensible of the great want, prejudice and inconveniency, incident to several Children of many poor Inhabitants within the Parish of Allendale, by neglect of due Education, partly happening by their Parents, Tutors, or own inability to hire Schoolmasters, or pay for their Children's

dren's Maintenance and Learning abroad; and being moved with pity and charitable Affection to the Inhabitants of the said Parish of *Allendale*, and in hopes that others will be induced to follow my Example, and promote so charitable a Work :

I do therefore hereby chearfully and freely give to *John Bacon* of *Staward*, in the said County, Esq; *John Robson* of *Nine Benkes*, in the said County, Gent. *Robert Pearson* of *Bishopfield*, *Cuthbert White* of *Allendale Town*, and *William Wilson* of *Oakepoole*, all in the said County, Yeomen, or to the Survivor or Survivors of them, and to their Successors for Ever, to be limited and appointed, as is hereafter mentioned, the Sum of two hundred and fifty pounds of lawful Money of *England*, now due and secured unto me by the said *Wilson*; in trust, to be applyed and appropriated by them, or by the Survivor or Survivors of them, or their said Successors, to the several uses, intents and purposes, and upon the several trusts and confidences hereafter mentioned, and in them reposed, viz. To pay out of the Interest or other profit of the said two hundred and fifty Pounds to my dear Mother *Margaret Collison* Yearly and every Year after my decease, the Sum of three Pounds, for and during the term of her natural Life, and to apply the remainder of the profit or interest of the abovesaid two hundred and fifty Pounds, together with the said Annuity of three Pounds a Year, after Determination of the same, to the use, advantage and benefit of

a Free-Grammar School, for the Education of Youth, to be set up and settled in such proper and convenient Place, on the West-Side of East-Allen-Water, as my Trustees aforesaid, or the Major part of them shall approve of.

And my Will and Pleasure is, That my said Trustees, or so many of them as shall be Living at the time of my decease, or the Survivor or Survivors of them, or the Major part or Number of them, shall take the Charge and Management of the abovesaid Legacy of two hundred and fifty Pounds; and shall with all convenient speed they can after my decease, (||) either by Purchase of Lands within the Manour of *Hexham*, or in real Securities upon Mortgages, or by a perpetual Rent-Charge out of Lands, or otherwise, as to them, or the Survivor or Survivors of them shall seem most safe and advantageous for preserving the Principal for a standing Fund and Stock, for the use of the said Free-School, as also for paying and answering the Yearly Rent, Use or Interest thereof, to be paid to such licensed Master of the said Free-School, and of good Life and Conversation, as my said Trustees, or the Major part or Number of them, or of the Survivor or Survivors of them, or their Successors shall Yearly choose, at or upon the first Day of *May*, in every Year to come, successively after my decease. *Item,*

(||) *The Testator's meaning seems here to be obscure; I conceive it to be no more, than to secure the said 250 l. either by Purchase of Lands, or a perpetual Rent-Charge for the Uses for which it was given.*

Item. My Will and Pleasure is, That the said Schoolmaster, so Yearly to be appointed, shall from time to time, and at all times after my decease for ever, teach all the Children of all the Inhabitants of the Parish of *Allendale*, in such useful and necessary Learning and Languages, as my said Trustees shall direct and appoint, *gratis*, without any Gratuity, Fee, or Reward to be had, required or received by the said Schoolmaster from the said Inhabitants of the said Parish of *Allendale*, or any of them.

Item. My Will and Pleasure is That if any one or more of the said Trustees shall renounce the said Trust, or refuse to act therein, or if it shall happen any one or more of the said Trustees, or any Trustees who shall hereafter be appointed Trustees of the said School, shall happen to die, then the acting or surviving Trustees shall with all convenient speed that may be, elect and choose two or three more, as occasion shall require, to make up the original Number of five acting Trustees, successively to continue from time to time, invested with the like Power and Authority granted to my Trustees aforesaid, to fill up the Vacancy of those renouncing or refusing, or of those who are dead.

Christopher Wilkinson.

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A COPY of the BEQUEST
 of Mr. Giles Heron, to the Poor of the
 Parish of Symonburn, and founding a Free-
 School at Wark in the said Parish, by his
 last Will and Testament, dated the 23d Day
 of September, Anno Dom. 1679, and
 made in the time of Health.

*I*N the Name of God Amen, I Giles Heron, late
 of Lee-Hall, and now of Wark, in the Parish
 of Symonburn, and County of Northumberland,
 &c.

And as touching the Disposition of all such
 Temporal Estate, as God of his great Goodness
 hath given unto me, I do by this my last Will
 and Testament give and dispose thereof, as fol-
 loweth.

First, I think it a Work of Charity, and com-
 mendable before God to distribute the greatest
 part of the same to pious and charitable Uses,
 and it's rather my desire to see some part for such
 Uses settled in my Life time, than to leave it by
 and according to the Discretion of any other
 Person or Persons to be done after my Death.

And considering the great necessity of a Free-
 School, for the Education of Children of all and
 every the Inhabitants within the said Parish, and

the Inhabitants of *Chipchass*, *Birtley*, and *Birtley-Sheeles*, within the Parish of *Chollerton*.

I do therefore give and bequeath unto the Parish of *Symonburn*, the Sum of two hundred Pounds, now in the Hands of *William Charleton* of *Hesse-side*, and *Cuthbert Charleton* of *Lee-hall* in the said County, *Gent.* received by them of me for the use above mentioned, and for no other Use or Purpose whatsoever.

And my Will and Pleasure is, That my Trustees, namely *George Heron*, *John Reed*, *Thomas Dobson*, *Thomas White*, and *Edward Robson*, all of *Hum-saugh*, *William Smith* of *Wester Haughton*, *Robert Elliot* of *Haughton Strother*, *William Liddle* of *Long-Rigg*, and *Nicolas Ridley* of *Eales*, do immediately in my Name, in case the said *William Charleton*, and *Cuthbert Charleton*, refuse to pay the said Sum of two hundred Pounds, prosecute and implead the said *William Charleton* and *Cuthbert Charleton*, and their Sureties, or any of 'em, for the said Sum, in any Court of Common Law or Chancery; and upon the Receipt thereof, that they, my said Trustees, and *Christopher Charleton* of *Hetherington*, *Reginald Charleton* of *Mote-hill*, and *Edward Dodd* of *Esh*, or the Major part of them, together with the Parson of *Symonburn*-Parish for the time being, do choose and appoint an able and sufficient Schoolmaster, such as shall be approved on by the Lord Bishop of the Diocess of *Durham*; and so from time to time, upon the death or removal of such Schoolmaster, such

another to reside and teach a Free-School at the Town of *Warke* in the said Parish for Ever.

And that the said Trustees shall make the best advantage and profit of the said Sum, they upholding the Principal as a Stock; and the Profit and Interest thereof, they shall receive at two Terms of the Year, that is to say, by half Yearly Payment, and at the said Terms by equal Portions they shall pay the Interest so received, unto the Schoolmaster of the said Free-School, for the time he shall discharge the Duty of an able Schoolmaster, in manner as aforesaid.

And my mind is that the Parson of *Symonburn* for the time being, and his Successors, with my Trustees aforesaid, and *Christopher Charleton*, *Reginald Charleton*, and *Edward Dodd*, and the Survivors of them shall be the Governors of the said Free-School, and shall have the presenting of a Schoolmaster as aforesaid: And that all Bonds or Securities to be taken for the said Moneys, shall be taken in their Names.

And in case of the Decease of them, or any of them, then the Parson and Survivors of the said Trustees, shall in convenient time elect and choose one or more of such able and fit Inhabitants of the said Parish of *Symonburn* to supply the Place or Places of such dying Trustees, who shall succeed them therein.

Item, All the rest and residue of my Goods and Chattels, as well real as personal, and my ready Money, Mortgages, Rent-Charges, Bills, Bonds, Book-Debts, due upon simple Contracts, in whose

Hand or Hands soever they be, I give unto the said Trustees first abovenamed, meerly in trust for the use of the Poor of the said Parish of *Symonburn*, that is to say, that they may to the best of their skill, make the best, surest, and greatest advantage and profit thereof, upon good Security for Interest: And the said advantage and profit they shall receive, pay and distribute among such poor needy and indigent Persons of the same Parish of *Symonburn*, as they shall judge most necessitated, and proper for it, at two Feasts or times of Payment, that is to say, *All-Saint's Day* and *Good-Friday*, by even and equal Portions; but the principal to be always kept entire and upheld as a Stock for the end aforesaid.

And my Will and Pleasure is, That if there be any indigent Persons within the said Parish of *Symonburn* of the Name of *Heron*, or coming from any other Parish to Inhabit or Reside in the said Parish, that they shall have a proportion of the said Distribution in the first Place.

And further my Will and Desire is, That if there shall happen to be any surplusage remaining of the said Profits, Interest or Consideration Money, that then the same shall be employed on or towards the Binding of some one or more of the Children of some of the Poor Inhabitants of the same Parish of *Symonburn*, to be Apprentices to such Trades, and in such Places as the said Parson and my Trustees, or the Major-part of them shall think fit.

And if any of the Children shall happen to be of
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the Name of *Heron*, that they shall be first provided for.

And my Will is, that my said Trustees shall Yearly make an Account of their Distributions and Payments aforesaid, and of the rest of their Trust, to the Parson and Churchwardens of the said Parish of *Symonburn* at *Pentecost*, which shall be Registered in the Parish Book.

And I do hereby Name and Appoint the said George Heron, John Reed, Thomas Dobson, Thomas White, Edward Robson, William Smith, Robert Elliot, William Liddle, and Nicholas Ridley, my Executors in Trust for the Uses aforesaid, for the better Performance of the said Trusts.

Gyles Heron.

The Publisher hath more Copies of the aforesaid Wills and Bequests, which if Printed, would swell this Account to too great a Bulk; and therefore they will be engrossed in a Register to be provided for that purpose, and kept by the Minister of Hexham and his Successors, for the Neighbouring Country to have Recourse unto upon Occasion; and as often as any thing of this Nature happens, it will likewise be engrossed and preserved, till such time as there shall be Occasion to make it publick, and all Witnesses to such Wills and Deeds,

Deeds, are desired to send an Account thereof to the Minister of Hexham for the time being, that it may be Engrossed, and a Memorial thereof preserved as aforesaid.

A BRIEF
ACCOUNT
 AND
DESCRIPTION
 OF THE

*Parish and Parish Church of HEX-
 HAM ; shewing the great Necessity of Re-
 pairing the said Church, and having a Preach-
 ing Minister at Whitley Chapel.*

THE Parish of *Hexham* in *Northumberland*, is bounded on the North with the River *Tyne*, on the South with the Bishoprick or Countrey Palatine of *Durham*, on the East with *Corbridge*, *Slealey* and *Shotley* Parishes, and parted from them at the North End by *Dilston* Park wall to the *Divel* (or *Dils*) Water ; and from thence by the said Water about ten Miles to *Beldon-clough*, where it takes the Name of *Harwoodburn*, which runs from West to East, through the middle of the *High-Quarter*, ; and by *Beldon-clough* Southward to the River *Darwen* ; on the West by *Allendale* and

and *Warden* Parishes, which latter hath two *Chapels* of Ease.

In length from the highest parts of the *High-Quarter*, of the Sources of the River *Darwen*, to the *West-Tyne*, or lowest parts of the *West-Quarter*, about seventeen Miles, viz. from *Hexham Church* Southward, to the highest Inhabited Parts in the *High-Quarter*, eleven Miles and a half, and twenty five Chains. Beyond which there is a Tract of Moorish Ground, inclining to the West, not yet improved or inhabited (and part of it a Morass, difficult to Measure) which by Computation will make it fifteen Miles and upwards. And from *Hexham Church*, Northwards to *Warden low ford* in the *West Tyne*, where it runs into *North-Tyne*, commonly call'd, *The Water Meetings*, a Mile and a half and thirty three Chains.

In breadth at the North End, from *Dilston Park* to the West side of *Hexham-Common*, along the Highway which leads from *Newcastle* through *Hexham* and *Hexham Common*, (call'd the *Highway*) to the City of *Carlisle*, six Miles wanting three Chains: the Low way to *Carlisle* by the *West-Boat* and *Coastley*, six Miles and thirty six Chains.

From *Dilston Lead-gate* along *Raggon-side* thro' *Turridge Grounds*, and the *West-Quarter* to the Bounder of *Wester Grundridge*, upon *Warden Parish*, seven Miles and twenty eight Chains.

From *Gingleshaugh-ford* to *Knightcleugh-head*, along the Highway which leads through the

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High-Quarter from the City of *Durham* to *Allestree*, &c. five Miles and thirty five Chains.

The several Breadths taken in the aforesaid Places, viz.

	Miles.	Chains.
From <i>Dilston Park</i> , &c.	5	37
The Road by the <i>West-Boat</i> , &c.	6	36
<i>Tarridge Road</i> , &c.	7	28
<i>Gingles-haugh Road</i> , &c.	5	35
Make	25	16

The mean Breadth will be 6 24


Hexhamshire is divided into four Quarters, viz. the *High*, *Low*, *Middle* and *West Quarter*; the first three lye South of *Hexham* and *Dipton burn*, the last to the West and North-West of *Hexham*.

The Inhabited Part of the *High-Quarter*, in length from North to South, five Miles and a half and eleven Chains. In breadth from East to West, five Miles and thirty five Chains.

The *West-Quarter* in length from North to South, five Miles and a half and seventeen Chains. In breadth at the North End from *Hexham-Spittle*, along the Highway Westward, four Miles and two Chains. At the South End from *Tarridge East Dykes*, Westward, five Miles and four Chains.

It would be needless to measure the *Middle* and *Low-Quarters*, which would be more difficult for want of such distinguishing High-ways: they are extended in length from East to West, and

and have more Inhabitants. Every Quarter hath a Churchwarden and an Assistant, and upon Occasion doth raise an equal Portion of Church-Sess, and of late Years, every Quarter by Agreement maintains their own Poor. These make up the one half of the Parish, *Hexham* Town the other half; each upon Occasion raises an equal Portion of Church-Sess, has a like Number of Churchwardens, &c. The four Wards in the Town answering the four Quarters in the Shire.

 The peculiar Jurisdiction of *Hexham* and *Hexhamshire*, now belonging to the Lord Archbishop of *York*, doth contain the Parish of *Alendale*, and that of *St. John Lee* on the North side of the River *Tyne*, which hath two Chapels of Ease, viz. *St. Mary's* in *Bingfield* and *St. Oswald's*, built upon Occasion of that Memorable Battle and Victory, which King *Oswald* obtained nigh that Place over *Chadwallar* that cruel Tyrant.

The now Parish Church of *Hexham*, was formerly a Cathedral built by *St. Wilfrid* Archbishop of *York*, at the Instance of Queen *Etheldreda* (Wife of King *Egfrid*) in Honour of the Apostle *St. Andrew*, in the Year of our LORD 675; and honoured with the Episcopal Dignity about 140 Years, till the *Danes* destroyed the Town, and either killed or drove away the Inhabitants; at which time it was so Magnificent, that, as History (*) informs, it exceeded all the Minsters

(*) *Ricardus Prior Hagust. X Script. p. 291.*

Minsters in *England*; and there was not then to be found in any Nation on this side the *Alps*, a Church which might deserve to be compared with it.

Nor was it's Jurisdiction inconsiderable, when *Bosa* and *Eata* (in the Year of our Lo^d 678) had and did Exercise all the Episcopal Authority in the Ancient Kingdom of the *Northumbers*, *Bosa* Archbishop of *York*, in the more Southern Parts of the *Deiri* or *Torkshire*, &c. and *Eata* Bishop of *Hexham*, in the Nation of the *Bermicians*, or *Northumberland*, &c.

There was also a Parish Church dedicated to the Blessed Virgin *Mary*, which stood on the South side of the Market-Place. According to Tradition since the Dissolution of Abbeys, it was agreed upon, by and between the Impropiator and Parishioners, to let the said Parish Church go to ruin, and to keep up and repair the said Cathedral (it being the more noble and beautiful Structure) and make it the Parish Church.

In the Year of our Lo^d 789, it was honour'd with the Sepulchre of that good King *Alwold* who was murdered by *Sigga* (a certain Nobleman) at *Silcester*, (*) and lyes buried under the Arch, at the South End of the North-East Isle, a Monument erected since the Foundation of the Church, in Honour of that Prince.

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(*) Some remains of which Place are yet to be seen on the West side of the North-Tyne, in the Grounds belonging to *Walwick-grange*, between that Place and the Roman Wall,

I shall say no more upon it, save, that it was afterwards Converted to a Monastery, and richly endowed; But now alas! behold a sad Catastrophe, a mighty Change, a wealthy Monastery at the Dissolution of Abbeyes, divested of all its Antient Revenues, whereby it had been supported, which hath not a little contributed to its Decay, a melancholy Subject; a noble and beautiful Fa-
brick, in former Time the Honour and Ornament of the Country, become an Object of Derision, a By-word and Proverb of Reproach to as many, as have evil will at *Zion*: Poor *St. Andrew*, which a thousand Years ago exceeded all the Minsters in *England*; nay all the Churches on this side the *A L P S*, for stately Magnificence, through the Injuries of Time and Weather, become a proper Object of Christian Compassion; like a poor disconsolate Widow in Distress, imploring our good *Etheldreda* and *St. Wilfrid*, the Crown and the Mitre, which first erected it out of the Dust, to preserve it from falling down again into it.

The poor Inhabitants, who of late Years have bestowed above a thousand Pounds upon the Repair thereof, are now so very much impoverished by the great Decay of the Lead Trade, during the late and former Wars, and have such a numerous Poor, for want of a Manufactory, that they are no longer able to support the said Church, at their own proper Charge; and therefore most humbly desire the Charitable Assistance of well disposed Christians.

Whitley

Whitley Chapel

STands in the *Middle-Quarter* of *Hexhamshire*, upon a rising Ground, in the midst of a well inhabited part of the Country, Five Miles wanting a Chain *South* of *Hexham*, and very conveniently situate, not onely for *Hexhamshire*; but also for *Slealey* (a little Parish as big as a Quarter of *Hexhamshire*) on the *East-side* of the *Diwel Water*; who would be very glad, if there were a Fund settled for a preaching Minister at *Whitley Chapel*, that the same Parson should Officiate every other Sunday at each Place; for that their Salary, with the late Augmentation, being onely 16*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* a Year, is not sufficient to maintain or encourage an able Minister.

It also stands convenient for those who live on the *West-side* of *Shotley Parish*, on this Side the Moors, along the *Diwel Water* (*viz.*) at *Gingles-Haugh*, *Emlee*, *Burnsbecke-Haugh*, *Nubigin-Hope*, and the *Wester-Hope*, who are by Computation between 6, 7, 8 and 9 Miles from their Parish Church, all Moorish Ground, and between 1, 2, 3 and 4 Miles from *Whitley Chapel*.

The reason hereof; because these, as many other Parishes, are confined to the Bounds of their respective Lordship or Manour, which often follow the various windings and turnings of some little Brook or Rivolet; insomuch that
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Some People in divers Places live very nigh a neighbouring Parish Church, and at a great Distance from their own.

As here the *Divel* Water, running nigh *Whitley* Chapel, those who live on the *West-side* of *Slealey* Parish, are nigher the said Chapel than *Slealey* Church, as are those on the *West-side* of *Shotley* Parish.

So that if there were an Act of Parliament, for dividing and regulating Parishes, (which might be done to good Effect in diverse Places in these Northern Counties,) it would be for the ease of the People, if the *South* part of *Hexhamshire*, beyond *Harwood* Moor to the River *Darwen*, and that part of *Shotley* Parish, which lies along the said River down to *Blanchland*, were laid to *Hunstanmorth*, a twenty Nobles Living, on the other side of that River; Or if *Blanchland*-Abbey-Church were repair'd for both Sides of the Water,

And that part of *Hexhamshire*, on this Side *Harwood* Moor, from *Harwoodburn* to *Diptonburn*, *Slealey* Parish, and the *West-side* of *Shotley* Parish were laid to *Whitley* Chapel, it would make a very compact Parish: the Minister wou'd have about eleven hundred and ninety Souls under his care, (*viz.*) 815 in *Hexhamshire*, and 375 on the *East-side* of the Water, and the greatest part of them in his view from *Whitley* Chapel.

To set the whole Matter in a clearer Light, it will be proper to observe,

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1st. That there is a long Tract of Moorish Ground, which begins nigh *Shotley Church* (which stands upon a high Hill) to the East and North-East, and is continued many Miles to the South-West, over those Mountainous, uninhabitable Parts of *Northumberland, Bishopricks, Cumberland* and *Westmoreland*.

That part of it, from *Harwoodburn* to the inhabited Parts on the North-side of the River *Darwen*, is about two Miles over, the Inhabitants of which Places, viz. *Ridlam-Hope, Hatherly-Burn, West Field Nook, Wester-Meadows, and Blackburn-Shaw*, alias *Hallywell*, usually go to *Hunstanworth*, (about four Miles below,) and also bury their Dead there; except those at *Hallywell*, who have made themselves a burying Place in their own Field; for that it would be impossible to carry a Corps to *Hexham* in the Winter Season. It's a piece of fine dry Earth, and great pity but it were consecrated, for that use, for that part of the Country.

2^{ly}, That *Hexham Common* extends Eastward to *Dilston Park*, is bounded there on the South with the *Divel Water* to the *Lynnell Bridge*, continued Westward along the Top of *Raggonside*, and down again Southward to *Diptonburn*, (two Miles and a Quarter from *Hexham Church*), extended Westward along the North-side of the said *Burn*, and continued to the North-West, through the Middle of the West-Quarter, as far West, as the Bounds of the Manour and Parish extend.

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Those, who live in that part of the *Low-Quarter*, which lies on the *North-side* of *Diptonburn*, (between the *Lynnell Bridge*, and *Dipton Bridge*) always come to *Hexham Church*.

3^{ly}. That the *West* part of the *High, Low, and Middle-Quarter*, for a Mile or more, is *Moorish Ground*, and intercommon to several *Places*; so that the *Inhabitants*, who live lower down to the *East*, (except those in the *High-Quarter*, nigh *Harwood-Sheele*, and those in the *North-East* part of the *Low-Quarter*) are at no great distance from *Whitley Chapel*.

And whereas the *People* here and in diverse other *Places*, without any *Licence* or *Authority*, do thus regulate themselves, and go to the nighest *Church* or *Chapel* to *Divine Service*, some of them being compelled by a kind of necessity, to go thus a begging the *Bread of Life* out of their own *County* and *Diocese*, as those in the highest *Parts* of *Hexhamshire*, who go to *Hunstanworth*, this being so irregular, and liable to diverse *Exceptions*, it is much to be wished, there were some effectual care taken, to remedy these *Inconveniencies*, lest they may prove a *Temptation* or *Pretence* to some, to go no where to worship *God*, others to despise *Infant Baptism*, turn *Quakers*, and make themselves burying *Places* more convenient at home.

For the carrying the dead upon *Mens Shoulders* so many *Miles*, in such difficult way to the *Parish Church*, in some *Places*, in these *Northern Counties*, as *Teasdale*, *Veardale*, *Hexhamshire*,

Allendale, &c. is such a heavy Burthen, and such a mighty Grievance, as justly deserves to be redressed, and might effectually be done, by enclosing diverse little Pieces of Ground, and having them Consecrated for Christian Burial.

But as to the present Case, it would be a great ease to that part of the Country, if *Whitley* Chapel were endowed with a Competent Maintenance for a preaching Minister, some Ground about it enclosed, and they had Liberty there to bury their Dead.

I cannot dismiss this Subject without taking further notice of those on the *West-side* of *Shotley* Parish, who are in a like deplorable Condition; for that the Ministers Salary being onely Twenty Nobles a Year, and not sufficient to live upon, he hath two small Livings, and resides in another County, and Officiates there onely every third Sunday; so that tho' they be not wholly destitute of a Shepherd, yet they have the Bread of Life in Scarceness, and are greatly exposed to ravenous Wolves.

And now I hope, every good Christian will be of Opinion, that those who live at so great distance from their Parish Church, and have no Chapel of ease, are exposed to so many Temptations, and lye under so many great Disadvantages with respect to Religion, are real Objects of Christian Compassion. The Lord Comfort the Sick, and have Mercy on those poor Babes, who go out of the World before it's possible to carry them so far to the Laver

of Regeneration. May our Noble Promoters of Religion and Piety, who have already begun at the Royal City, continue to redress all such Grievances throughout the Kingdom; or some good Mr. *Fishborn* Enquire where there is most want of the Preaching of the Word of God.

And since the Building, Repairing and Endowing of Churches and Chapels, tends so much to the Honour of God, and the Interest of Religion, and being an Act of Charity to the Souls of Men, is in that respect the more Noble and Excellent, The Repairing of *Hexham* Church (to preserve so true a Monument of the Zeal of Primitive Christianity) of which so honourable a Character is given in History, and the Endowing or Contributing to raise a Maintenance for a preaching Minister at *Whitley* Chapel, are humbly recommended to all well disposed Christians of Estates and Ability, as very proper Objects of that kind of Charity.

CATALOGUE

OF THE

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| 678 | 1 | St. Eata, Bishop of Lindisfarne. |
| 680 | 2 | Tumbertus. |
| 685 | 3 | St. John of Beverley, tr. to York. |
| 709 | 4 | St. Acca. |
| 739 | 5 | Frithebertus. |
| 766 | 6 | Alhmundus. |
| 780 | 7 | Tilberus. |
| 789 | 8 | Ethelbertus. |
| 797 | 9 | Heardredus. |
| 800 | 10 | Eanbertus. |
| 810 | 11 | Tidferthus, the last Bp. of Hexham. |

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BISHOPS OF THE CATHOLIC

ERRATA.

Pag. 5 l. 14 read *Thomas* for *Anthony*. pag.
10 l. 21 r. *Allendale* for *Allandale*. pag. 17 l.
12 r. *Minister* for *Minster*. pag. 25 l. 4. r.
20 s. for 20 l. pag. 48 l. 20. r. *Counties* for
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